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International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

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Bible Material: I Samuel 16:1 through 13-16.

Devotional Reading: Psalm 8.

A Man Rises

Lesson for April 26, 1599

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Dr. Foreman

Success Begins Within

Among the successful men of history, David the king of Israel takes a high rank. There are always reasons outside a man why he succeeds, helping his success. Would Abraham Lincoln have achieved his peak of greatness had he lived in 17th-century England or in 20th century America? Would John Calvin have the same world-wide influence as pastor of any modern Presbyterian church as he had in the Geneva of the sixteenth century? Would David have made a good President of the United States? The answer in each case is No.

Nevertheless, circumstances only help on what is already there. A man without the seeds of success in him is not going to be pushed to a high pinnacle of glory merely because the times are calling for a great man. Thus to find the secret of David's success, as with all other great persons, we must look within.

"Such Popularity Must Be Deserved"

I Samuel 18 brings out the fact of David's tremendous popularity when it was at its peak. Everybody loved David excepting King Saul, who was mad with jealousy. And no wonder. It would have taken a better man than Saul not to be jealous. The king's own son Jonathan loved David "as his own soul." He gave David his crown prince's robe, his armor, even his sword and his bow and arrows. The soldiers loved David, because with him for a leader they always won their battles. The people loved him: he was a popular hero, nothing was too good for him. The women loved him and sang songs about him, what a killer he was. Furthermore, God was with him; and so he succeeded in everything he did.

We have the record (I Sam. 16:18) of how the young man David looked to another young man, perhaps about his age. The king was looking for a lyre-player, a lyre being a small harp held in the hand. The young man who gave David the recommendation that got him the job, saw a great deal more in him than simply a country musician. He mentions David's family first of all; and from what we know of it (see the book of Ruth) it was a very solid country family from generations back. Then he speaks of his high musical ability, but goes right on to other good points.

A Good Personality Has Many Sides

The young man recommending David proceeds to say that he is a "man of war." This may have been an exaggeration, in the light of all the rest of the story. Or maybe the young man meant to say, "If you ever need a fighting man, just call on David." David was the rugged character we associate with the good soldier. We have his own word for it that he had killed lions and bears with his own hands ("caught him by the beard," he said). But David was smooth as well as rugged. His friends calls him "prudent in speech"—which is more than can be said of all young people. But the climax of the recommendation was: "the Lord is with him." God is always invisible, yet this young man was impressed by a fact which he could not "see" at all: the fact that David was never alone, God was always with him. A person who makes that kind of impression, and is really that kind of person, has a greater certainty of success than if he were endorsed by a President.

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, April 21.- Mr. Ernest Ferguson is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Ferguson visited him Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Carson, Sr., Mrs. Clarence Carson and son, Randy, visited Mrs. C. V. Anderson, of Lynchburg last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson and children visited in the home of Mrs. W. J. Walton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds and Mr. Arthur Almond visited Mr. and Mrs. George Almond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Walton and daughter, Josie visited Mr. and Mrs. John Walton Sunday.

Mrs. G. P. Jennings was the super guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bolden McCormick on Monday night.

The Spout Spring P.-T. A. held its regular monthly meeting on Monday night.

Billy Reynolds and family moved to Salem last Friday. We will miss them from our community.

Spout Spring, April 21.- Mrs. Anne Anderson and small daughter, Audrey Lee, of Farmville, were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Juddy Glover.

Miss Dolly Lee Ferguson, who has been in sick with strep throat, was able to go back to school today.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Woodson went to Forks of Buffalo Saturday, trout fishing.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds and Mr. A. C. Almond were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cyrus and daughter, Cindy, of Lynchburg, the Rev. and Mrs. Kayle Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Kit Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. William Layne, Jr. and son, Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Layne and son, Jack, spent Sunday in Martinsville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and son, Roy Allen, of Lynchburg, were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Juddy Glover. Mrs. Juddy Glover returned home with them and spent the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds and family left Friday to make their home in Salem, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Williams, of Appomattox visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ferguson and family Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin, Jr. and daughter, Tindy, of Dillwyn, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martin.

Mrs. Eunice Ann Simms and Mr. Robert Simms visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, of Vera, Va., Sunday.

Mrs. B. S. Reid, of Amherst, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Ferguson.

Rocks

Rocks, April 20.- Farmers were glad to have the rain we had over the week-end.

Barbara Webber spent Tuesday night with Ruby Richardson.

Mrs. Etta Orange spent last week with Mrs. Dave Goin, who is having trouble with her back.

A small crowd was out for the Tuesday night service and choir practice.

Friends are glad to know Mrs. S. C. Ranson is improving nicely, after an operation at the Virginia Baptist Hospital last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder were called to Richmond Wednesday, where their daughter, Mrs. O. L. Payne was operated on.

Quite a few from here were attending the Appomattox Baptist Association at Union Hill and Drake's Branch churches last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burrell and Diane, of Pamplin spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh, of near Evergreen.

Mrs. Walter Ranson was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bobby Mitchell, of Appomattox awhile Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ranson were at Pamplin awhile Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis, (nee Peggy Harris), of Appomattox, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Mary Anne, Sunday, April 19, at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

A few from here attended the shower given Mrs. Mark Hipps Saturday night at the Raymond Kress home at Pamplin, by Mrs. Raymond Kress and Mrs. Ralph Kress. The shower gifts were presented to Mrs. Hipps in a decorated bassinett.

The dollar day rally, sponsored by the Usher Board of First Baptist Church last Sunday at 3 P. M., under the sponsorship of Mrs. Mary McDaniel, was a success.

The annual Ladies Day will be observed at the Promise Land Baptist Church on the first Sunday in May at 3:30 P. M.

Plans are nearly completed for the anniversary of the Promise Land Baptist Church and pastor on the fourth Sunday in June.

A womanless wedding will be given at the Carver-Price High School this Monday at 8 P. M. The program is given by the local P.-T. A. There will be no admission charge. A free-will offering will be taken during the half of the program. Mrs. C. L. Turner is in charge of the program.

Colored Dots

Impressive services were held at the Gaillee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a soul-stirring sermon from the subject: What does the Lord Require? The church choir rendered special music. All who attended enjoyed the service. The church clubs met following the morning service. The offering for the day was very good.

The music department of Carver-Price High School, under the direction of Mrs. C. L. Turner, will give its annual recital this Friday at 8 P. M. The program will include renditions by the local school chorus, of the elementary and high school departments and students taking piano lessons will make their first public appearance. The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral services for the late Chapp E. Patterson last Wednesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vann Patterson. The pastor of the church, Rev. R .Q .Lawing, conducted the service .Music was rendered by Mrs. Ann Fleshman, organist of Promise Land Baptist Church. Telegrams and resolutions were acknowledged by the pastor from friends and relatives of the family. The floral contributions were in large numbers. The deceased was a life-long resident of Appomattox except for a few years spent in Baltimore. In addition to his parents, he leaves the following to mourn their loss: two brothers, Sherman and Vann Patterson, of Baltimore; seven sisters, Mrs. Eula Johnson, Appomattox; Mesdames Mozella Walker and Juanita Spraggs, of Conn.; Mesdames Ernestine Baker and Marjorie Carter, of Baltimore; and Mesdames Ealine Lambert and Jaqquatte Robinson, of Norfolk, Va. Burial was held in the family cemetery .

Don't forget the annual Ladies Day program sponsored by the Pastor Aid Society of the Gallee Baptist Church this Sunday at 3 P. M. The guest speaker will be the Rev. James Franklin, along with his famous choir of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, near Green Bay, Va.

PAMPLIN R. F.

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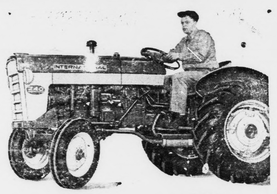

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[illegible] Clifford Pillow, of Old Well [illegible] recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Jordan.

[illegible] and Mrs. Jordan visited Mr. [illegible] Harvey recently. Mr. Har[illegible] improving in the home of his [illegible] Mrs. Lee.

[illegible] A. A. Mayberry continues [illegible]

[illegible] and Mrs. Pat Davis are the [illegible] of a baby boy, born [illegible] Mrs. Davis is spending [illegible] in the home of her moth[illegible] Dan Irby.

[illegible] Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Mann and Della Nash, the [illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott [illegible] were married Saturday, April [illegible] by the Rev. Winfred Elder. We wish for this young couple much happiness.

Miss Helen Cyrus, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Henry Mann, and attended the marriage of her nephew, Nelson.

Mr .Milton Nash and Robert Mann spent part of last week with relatives in Tennessee.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Harry Martin has returned from the hospital, and is getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullin attended the funeral of his uncle, Mr. William Mullin, at the Diamond Hill Church Wednesday.

Miss Emma Haar was in Lynchburg Thursday.

Those attending the Association at Union Hill Church from Central Baptist Church were Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Harvey, Mrs. Everette Ferguson, Rev. Winfred Elder, Mr. W. M. Mann, Mrs .Henry Mann and Mrs. W. V. Jones.

Pat Jones accompanied her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith to Richmond last week-end.

Mrs. W. V. Jones spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Ferguson and Mrs. Oscar Fleshman.

Pamplin

Pamplin, April 21.- Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. E. L. Paulette were Mr. and Mrs. Walker Paulett, and Mr. Archie Paulett, of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carson, of Appomattox, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Embry Davis, Sunday.

Mrs .Zelnia Spence, of Farmville was a week-end visitor in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Mann.

Mr. William Mahone, of Newport News was a week-end visitor in the home of Mr .and Mrs. R. E. McClenny.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis and daughter, Kathy, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wayne, of Phenix.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Slayton, of Farmville spent some time with their brother-in-law, of Callands on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs .Riley Suits, of Danville visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Garnette and sons, Steve King and David Whitney, of Richmond, and Mrs. Garnette, of Buckingham C. H., were recent guests of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. Lizzie P. Robinson.

Mrs. Coley Ramsey, of Madisonville visited friends in Pamplin on Monday.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, April 21.- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mugginson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mustain, of Richmond, Sunday.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette, Mr .and Mrs. Billy Mills, Mr. and Mrs .Ben Thornhill, Mrs. Don Thornhill and Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill, Mrs. Harry V. White, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy and Johnnie.

W. W. Thornhill, Mrs. Harry V. White and Mrs. Mildred Mann were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Kern Mays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy and Johnnie left Tuesday for Gainsville, Texas.

Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and Miss Becky Reynolds, Mrs. Alfred Garrette and Miss Sylvia Garrette, and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and Miss Faye Thornhill attended the mother and daughter banquet given by the F. H. A. girls Thursday evening.

Oakville

Oakville, April 21.- Mr. Bob Martin is in Virginia Baptist Hospital. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Covington visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coleman were Sunday dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Minnie Burke is home from Lynchburg General Hospital, and is doing fine.

Mr. Hal Moore is still in the hospital, improving nicely.

The Young Adult Class of Mt. Comfort Church met with Mr . and Mrs. Clayton Martin on Saturday evening, with good attendance.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Clarence Horsley. He used to live in our community many years ago, before moving to Lynchburg.

Wheat prices soft in a strong grain market.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Administration seeks tax rise for jobless aid.

Anartic party finds peaks lower than thought.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

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Little Pinky Roberts was so fond of her two baby rabbits Mary didn't have the heart to tell her they had run away.

"Just had to replace those rabbits before Pinky came home from school," Easy said. "It went on, "so I just hoped for the best. Then, when Pinky saw the rabbits she ran into the house, yelling, 'Wait!! you see my rabbits! Those vitamins made them twice as big!'"

From where I sit, children see things as they'd "like them to be," but adults ought to see things as they are. For instance, we can't close our eyes to intolerance and call ourselves "good neighbors." If I don't respect your choice of tea or coffee and you don't respect mine for beer, that's intolerance and no excuses. On the other hand, tolerance makes good friends "multiply."

Joe Marsh

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